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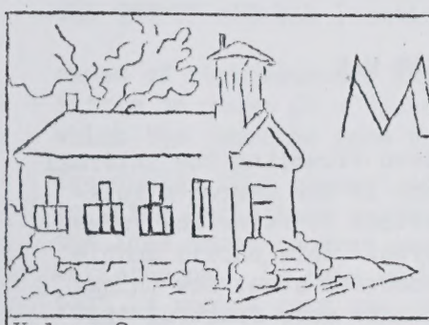

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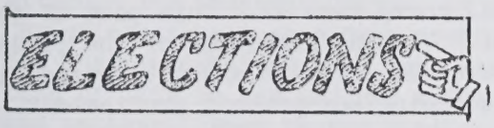

The Republican and Democratic Caucases were held on January 8 and 9, and the following candidates were proposed by each party for election at the annual Town Meeting to be held on February 13.

POSITION	REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE	DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES
Moderator for One Year	William E. Mielke	William E. Mielke
Town Clerk for Three Years	Suzanne S. MacIver	Suzanne S. MacIver
Selectman for Three Years	Douglas H. Lyman	Bjorn Jenssen
Selectman for Two Years	Kenneth Heath	Eugene W. O'Connell
Tax Collector for Three Years	Dorothy R. Wells	Dorothy R. Wells
Treasurer for Three Years	George J. Helmrich	George J. Helmrich
Auditor for One Year	William A. Stevens	William A. Stevens
Assessor for Three Years	Sheldon E. Fenn	Sheldon E. Fenn
Two Library Trustees for Three Years	Anne Marie Makuc	Anne Marie Makuc
	Edward S. LeComte	Edward S. LeComte
Cemetery Committee for Three Years	Anne Marie Makuc	Raymond F. Olds
Finance Committee for Three Years	Frederick D. Vorck	Henry J. Makuc
Planning Board for Five Years	Paul E. Thorn	Paul E. Thorn
Planning Board for Four Years	Ann Van Horn	Leonard J. Weber
Board of Appeals for Five Years	Maurice F. Roberts	Thomas F. Gillis
Board of Appeals for Four Years	Maureen P. Bradley	Lucie Lancome
Park Commissioner for Three Years	Frances R. Amidon	Dorothy A. Jenssen
School Committee for Two Years	Osborne E. Dugan	Osborne E. Dugan
Constable for Three Years	Raymond W. Tryon	_____

TOWN HALL BUILDING COMMITTEE

After careful consideration of six applicants, the Committee has chosen Mr. Claude Samton of Samton Associates, 435 West 22nd Street, New York City, to be the architect for the Town Hall. Mr. Samton graduated from the University of Wisconsin in 1952 and received his Bachelor of Architecture degree from Columbia University in 1956. He has had further work and study experience in both Sweden and Spain. Currently, Mr. Samton is Assistant Professor of Design at New York University.

Samton Associates will be opening a working office in Great Barrington the first part of the year. They have designed a number of Berkshire buildings, among which are the Theatre at Windsor Mountain School in Lenox and the Indian Hill Arts Workshop and Theatre in Stockbridge.

The Committee plans to include the design for the Town Hall in the Town Report. A public meeting to discuss the building will be held on January 30 at 8:00 p.m. in the social room of the Monterey United Church.

FEBRUARY 2 HEARING ON ROUTE 23 BYPASS

A public hearing 2.8 miles of the proposed Route 23 Bypass will be held on February 2, 1971, at 8:00 p.m., in the social room of the Monterey United Church. Prior to the hearing there will be two occasions to view the road design and question the engineers who will be present: Monday, February 1, from 2:00 to 9:00 p.m., and Tuesday, February 2, from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. -- also in the social room.

THE CHURCH AND WAR
Part I

One of the areas which has been troubling the internal life of the church in our time is the church's relationship to war. It is important to raise the issues surrounding this troubling area. This should enable each of us as individuals concerned about how things are going in our day to come into more fruitful dialogue with each other.

The article in this issue of the Monterey News is Part I and a later issue will carry Part II. This part of the article is historical. Without knowledge of the process through which the church has come we shall be seriously handicapped in understanding our present predicament.

One of the best ways to judge the church's attitude toward war in any period is to look at the stand it has taken on individual participation in military service. It is clear that from the end of the New Testament period until early in the fourth century the church generally disapproved of the Christian's involvement in military service. Roland H. Bainton, the eminent church historian, says that "From the end of the New Testament period to the decade of 170-180 there is no evidence whatever of Christians in the army." There are scattered references to Christians in military service beginning with the first instance in 173 A.D. The majority of such references point out the inappropriateness of Christians being engaged in life-destroying activities. In the latter part of the third century there is evidence of some increase in the number of Christians in the army, because even before the great persecution of Christians in 303 A.D. Galerius sought to weed them out from his forces. The principal evidence from the early church fathers indicates the church's position as being against Christians serving in the army. Origen of Alexandria in 248 A.D. said, "We do not fight under the emperor even though he require it." Tertullian in Northern Africa spoke of Christians being in the army, but he also stated that many withdrew from military service following their conversion.

Kenneth Scott Latourette, one of the most comprehensive of all modern church historians, sums up the church's attitude toward war in the early period as follows: "In its early centuries the prevailing attitude of the church was against participation of its children in war. Some Christians were in the army, but they were relatively few. Some held that while Christians might serve in the army in peace while the army was a police force, they must withdraw if the army were sent to war."

Something quite different began to appear in the fourth century, especially during the reign of Constantine. There is debate over whether Constantine actually became a Christian. At any rate he was favorably disposed toward Christianity. In the Edict of Toleration in 313 A.D. Christians received the same rights as members of any other religion. Constantine initiated the Council of Nicea in 325 A.D. which formulated the Nicean Creed. Before the end of his reign Christianity was actually a favored religion in the Roman Empire. One of the most striking facts to emerge from Constantine's reign was the Roman Legions' adoption of the battle slogan, "By this sign conquer." By what sign were they to conquer? The Christian cross! By what irony the meaning was reversed. For Jesus of Nazareth the cross represented the willingness to die rather than do violence. Under Constantine it became the symbol of military conquest.

In the fourth century there was a rapid expansion of the Christian population. They gained increasing influence in affairs of state. The transition came gradually, but as Christians began to influence political life the reverse also took place -- political life began to influence Christians. A shift in their attitude toward war took place. Latourette, commenting on this change says, "The majority came to believe that some wars were 'just', that a Christian could enter upon them not only in a clear conscience, but also with the conviction that in fighting them he was positively serving Christ."

As the church passed into the Middle Ages its attitude became more aggressive. Bishops were frequently territorial magistrates. The church became the real political power. It made kings and deposed them. It gave its official blessing to the warrior and his arms. The Crusades were the apex of the church's involvement in war. Indeed, in that period war was holy and to be a warrior was a holy calling.

Following the Protestant and Catholic Reformations, Christians fought Christians in the name of the one they both called Master. The Thirty Years' War in Europe was a religious war. More than half of the population died as the direct result of this war and the accompanying famine and disease. It was conducted as a "just" war. The

THE CHURCH AND WAR (continued)

cause of righteousness demanded it. As historians today study that period they find little to judge it a "just war." It was simply a nationalistic, territorial war to which the churches gave their blessing.

Eventually this concept of "just" wars came to mean little more than that all wars in which Christians participated were just. Perhaps it is not accidental that in the last three hundred years the major warring of the world has taken place within Christendom. Is this an "accident of history", or is there some other explanation that is rooted more nearly in "cause and effect"?

What of the early church's opposition to war? Did this strand of the Christian conscience disappear under the impact of medieval and modern history? It never did. Although the Medieval Church, as an institution, embraced the war system, individual Christians in all ages have continued to believe that Christ and war are incompatible. The institutional church, too, has had a troubled conscience over the violent destruction of life in war and has tried to find ways to mitigate the warring impulse in men and nations. Even in the Middle Ages, when the church was "neck deep" in blessing wars, there were efforts such as "The Truce of God" in 1095 A.D. in which all men were commanded to cease from war from Thursday evening to Monday morning. "The Peace of God" was an earlier attempt to limit fighting among Christians. These, as well as other such proposals, were not notable for their success.

In the late seventeenth and early eighteenth centuries a number of new Protestant sects developed. A strong tenet in many of them was a revival of New Testament and early church opposition to Christian participation in the war systems of the nations. The next great upsurge of Christian examination and questioning regarding participation in war came with World War II, when almost all the major bodies of Christendom began a rigorous re-examination of the relationship of the church to war. Thus it has become evident that no major Christian body is willing to go on with the unthinking kind of assent to "just wars" and "military necessity" that prevailed in Christendom over so many centuries.

The focus of the second part of this article will be on the movement within the church today and on what is happening in our time in this crucial area of the church's relation to war.

Virgil V. Brallier, Minister
Monterey United Church of Christ

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OUR LADY OF THE HILLS, Monterey -- Masses during the summer only.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH, Mill River -- Sunday Mass at 10:00 a.m.

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

NOTES Morning worship is each Sunday at 10:30 a.m. . . . Baptism, David Harold, son of the Reverend and Mrs. Harold Criswell, Jr., on January 17. Sponsors were the Reverend and Mrs. Dudne Breeze from Newton Centre. . . . The next six-week term of our educational program for children will begin on February 28. The confirmation class will begin then also. . . . Lent begins February 28. . . . The Parish Council in its regular monthly meetings is studying the Plan of Union proposed for uniting nine denominations. Copies of the Plan of Union are available for any who may wish to study the proposals.

ANNUAL MEETING At the Annual Meeting of the Monterey United Church on Sunday, January 17, the meeting was opened by the clerk, Margery Mansfield Janes. Gertrude Gould was elected as moderator. Reports from the various organizations and committees were distributed a week earlier, as well as on the day of the meeting. The following were elected to office: Lucy Smith as clerk, Nancy Brancazzu as treasurer, Stephen Morse as deacon, Barbara Tryon as deaconess, Richard Tryon as trustee, Edith Wilson as auditor, Grace Miner as Music Committee chairman, Edward Chipman to the Finance Committee, Ervin Kern, Arthur Hart and Margot Peet as summer community members of the Finance Committee, Harold Criswell, Jr. to the Christian Education Committee, Eleanor Newey as standing delegate, Marie Brallier as alternate delegate, Rose McKee to the Missions Committee, Barbara Tryon to the Nominating Committee and Hadley Simons as lay representative. A budget of $13,409.00 was adopted, this being an increase of $1,192.00 over last year. The meeting concluded with a pot-luck dinner at noon.

MONTEREY YOUTH GROUP

A major winter event is planned for February, when the group, along with several adults, will go to Mt. Stowe in Vermont for a long weekend. Lodging arrangements have been made, the group will do its own cooking, and there will be a varied round of winter sports, with skiing receiving top billing. Those taking part will rise early on February 13th and return on the 16th.

JUNIOR HI YOUTH GROUP

A new youth group for Monterey youth of junior high age has been started and is gradually beginning to gather momentum. These young people were responsible for a number of arrangements in connection with the celebration of Christmas.

Recently a healthy quantity of pizzas and other assorted goodies were devoured at a pizza party.

The group is open to all junior high age youth in the Monterey area.

SCHOOL NEWS

A Scholarship Fund has been started in memory of Hazel Hendrick. Miss Hendrick was a well-known and respected School and Visiting Nurse in this area, who died on December 26, 1970.

The Fund is for any worthy student of this area who would like to become a nurse. We urge you to give as much as you can for this worthwhile cause.

Anyone contributing please make checks payable to:

American Fund, Inc.
c/o Lillian Preiss, Guidance Counselor
Mt. Everett Regional School
Sheffield, Massachusetts

The New Marlboro-Monterey P.T.A. Toy Fair made $211 for this Scholarship Fund.

Ruth Champigny

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

(A Look Back Over the Shoulder)

Traditions do not change easily. For years the Children's Christmas Party was one of the largest gatherings in town. It often included grandparents as well as parents and their children. It had revolved around a program presented by school children. With the drastically changed nature of schools in Monterey this was no longer possible. For several years the program was continued by the Catholic Catechism Classes. Even this arrangement was less feasible this year, so, after several consultations, a new plan was tried.

This was an attempt to change the emphasis from getting to giving. Children were invited to bring gifts that would be distributed through Southern Berkshire Community Action. There was a film, some party games, carol singing, and Santa appeared to distribute candy and tangerines. The Children's Christmas Celebration came on the night of a heavy winter storm. Attendance was light, but there was lots of enthusiasm among the children and they entered heartily into both the giving and receiving part of the occasion.

In reviewing the event there was some expression of disappointment that it had not been the big town affair that it was in past years; some felt that "Christmas is more a time for children to receive than to give." Yet the majority of parents who were present expressed appreciation for the emphasis on the children giving, and felt that in the long run it might contribute toward a healthier view of life.

So it has come. A change in tradition has opened up a question among us. It is a question regarding direction. It becomes apparent that even in such innocent things as a Children's Christmas Celebration we are involved in choosing values we think are important.

LADIES AID SOCIETY

The Ladies Aid held their December meeting at the home of Lucy Smith in the form of a Christmas party. Mrs. Kinne read the Christmas Story and Gertrude Gould read a delightful story appropriate to the season. The entertainment ended with the singing of Christmas carols.

Richard Wilcox, stationed in Viet Nam, had earlier transmitted a plea through his great-aunt, Belle Weiss, for useful articles which could be distributed to orphan children there. In response to this plea two large boxes of tooth paste, tooth brushes, wash cloths, towels, soap and small toys were packed and sent. A very appreciative letter of thanks was received by the Ladies Aid from Mr. Wilcox.

The January meetings were held January 7 at the home of Nina Tryon and January 21 with Gertrude Gould.

Stella Howes

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Publisher,

Please excuse the impersonal salutation. There was nothing in the "News" to indicate the name of the editor, staff, etc.

Allow me to congratulate those responsible for the attractive format and variety of news material. Although this is indicated as Volume 7, it is the first we received, arriving on January 4, 1971.

I am enclosing a check for $5 which can be considered my support for 1971.

At this time may I make a few suggestions which hopefully will be received in the same spirit in which they are given.

1. More frequent publication, say twice a month, would increase interest and keep material from being dated.

2. Include brief reports of actions taken at weekly Selectmen's meetings and any other Town Committee meetings (similar to Bob Gauthier's Board of Health item.)

3. Provide a continuous flow of information with respect to progress or lack of progress on the Lake Garfield Dam project (this is the single most important community project and the one on which the economic well-being of the community and its institutions depend.) Any further delay can only hurt the Town's property values, tax base, businessmen, churches, etc. Lake Garfield is the most important natural resource of Monterey and its condition, for example, is relatively far more important to <u>all</u> than the Route 23 Bypass or a new Town Hall.

4. Accept for publication <u>signed</u> letters from taxpayers who wish to express themselves on projects of community interest.

My own experience over the last ten years has indicated a lack of communication between all-year and summer residents. The Monterey News could be the first positive step in this direction and remove from the area of uninformed gossip and speculation items of common interest to <u>all</u> Town taxpayers.

I know that the above suggestions ask a whole lot from the volunteers who have undertaken the publication of the Monterey News. Since I spend a substantial amount of time at my lake cottage between April 15 and October 15, feel free to call upon me for assistance during that period.

Yours for a better and more informed Monterey,

George H. McVey
29 Bailey Avenue
East Meadow, N.Y.

January 9, 1971

Dear Sir,

As a summer resident of Monterey I was indeed pleased to receive a copy of the Monterey News. Please continue to forward me future copies. Enclosed is my contribution. I hope it will help in some small measure towards continuing the operating efficiency of your paper.

Permit me to speak on behalf of the summer residents as we wish all our neighbors in Monterey sincere and heartfelt wishes for a happy, healthy, and prosperous New Year. May all of your days be satisfying and may each of you find the peace of mind and heart which lies within your reach.

The end of one year and the beginning of another is the traditional time for everyone to think back over the successes and failures, the triumphs and tribulations, the gains and losses of the year just ended. It is also the time when everyone thinks and plans ahead toward accomplishments to be achieved during the coming year. Include us in your plans -- and share your problems with us!

Among the summer residents are individuals who are willing and able to make significant contributions towards the progress, growth and well-being of your community. Consider the many ways we can be of service to one another. Surely our lives and the lives of those of you around us will become richer for our combined efforts.

As we look forward to warm, sunny summer days on your lakes and in your hills, we wish each of you in Monterey a successful year in 1971.

Yours truly,

Gloria Quintal
A-61, 350 Meadow Street
Agawam, Mass.

January 5, 1971

MARIE SEIFERT RESIGNS AS EDITOR

All of us who are concerned with Monterey News wish to express our thanks and appreciation to Marie Seifert for the time and effort she has expended in launching this venture. We regret to announce that, due to the increase in her duties as Secretary of the Board of Selectmen of Monterey, since the death of Howard Wells, she feels she must resign as Editor of this publication. For the time being Gertrude Gould and Patricia Howard will act as co-editors.
Marie has done a fine job and her successors will be lucky if they can maintain the standards she has set, but we are glad she is still here in Monterey, and our good wishes go with her in her manifold duties on behalf of the Town.

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ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Contributions received to help meet expenses in publishing the Monterey News have been most heartening. As explained two months ago, the Monterey United Church felt that there was need to deal with the "communications gap" between townspeople, as well as between the year-round and part-time residents of Monterey. Therefore the Monterey News was subsidized by the church to the extent of $200. In actual fact, the cost has greatly over-run that figure. So an attempt was made to find out if the newspaper was actually filling the need it started out to fill. The response has been most reassuring. In the last issue recognition was given to contributions received. We now list the contributions that have come in since that time. We sincerely hope there are no omissions. If there are, please let us know.

Contributions from the following have been received since the December issue: Dr. and Mrs. James Adams, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Bogart, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Bradley, S. H. Bronstein, Mr. and Mrs. Edward E. Brosseau, Colonel and Mrs. Staunton Brown, E. E. Carroll,Evelyn Chamberlain, Leona Chamberlin, Reverend and Mrs. Edward Chipman, Etta M. Conklin, R. R. Corbin, Dr. and Mrs. Findlay C. Crowe, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cummings, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Dunlop, Alfred Emmel, Michael S. Fawer, Mr. and Mrs. Karl M. Finger, Marjorie Fuller, Mr. and Mrs. William M. Ginsburg, Mrs. Harry Gottlieb, A. V. Heath, Henry Hebert, Lester S. Hyman, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Jaska, Mr. and Mrs. Hans Kessler, Nancy L'Hommedieu, Mrs. Harley L. Lutz, Henry J. Makuc, George H. McVey, Mr. and Mrs. H. Pearl, Mrs. Charles D. Peet, Dorothea A. Potz, Mrs. Gloria Quintal, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Race, George Richter, Hadley Simons, Stewart J. Stowell, Reverend and Mrs. Eugene TeSelle, W. R. Volckhausen, Margaret White, Mrs. Harold Winchester.

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